#24. Into The Forest (2)

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WE USE THE LIBRARY TO ENTER THE OTHER SCHOOL. BY WALKING IN CIRCLES RIGHT?
BUT TODAY...
THE ENTRANCE WAS COMPLETELY BLOCKED OFF BY A WALL... AND SOME BARBED WIRES.

BY THE WAY, WASN'T THE GUY WHO USED WALLS TO BLOCK PATHS...
YEAH, SEUNG-HYEON'S ABILITY. HE'S IN THE MANHWA, O...
YOU NEED TO CONTROL YOUR HUMOR!

OKAY, THEN WE WILL TRY TO...
NO WAY. I KNOW IT SOUNDS A LITTLE VIOLENT, BUT WHY DON'T WE JUST PUNCH A HOLE OR SOMETHING TO ENTER?
PUNCH A HOLE...
?
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.

WE USED THE STAIRS TO ENTER.
WHEN WE MANAGED TO REACH THE FOURTH FLOOR, THE PATH WAS BLOCKED.
WELL, SO HEON PUNCHED THE WALL FOR WHATEVER REASON SHE HAD.
KA
POW

AND WHAT DO YOU KNOW? IT WAS ALSO BLOCKED.
WE WERE GOING TO TRY YET ANOTHER SET OF STAIRS...
AND IT WAS BLOCKED AS WELL.
WHAT WAS THAT SOUND JUST NOW?

THE WHOLE THING WAS COMING DOWN ON US - WE SOMEHOW MANAGED TO GET THE DEBRIS OUT OF THE WAY...
AND WHEN WE REALIZED...
WE SAW THE NIGHT SKY...

SO WE HAVE NO WAY TO ENTER THE OTHER SIDE...

...!

AH CRAP, NOTHING IS WORKING OUT...

SIGHS

HEY, CAN YOU MAKE HER UP? LET'S HEAR WHAT KIND OF BAD NEWS SHE BROUGHT.

SHAKE

...ESK!

PEP...! I FAIL PRESENT?

WHAT DID YOU WANT TO SAY?

AH.

WELL...

LAST NIGHT WE TRIED SOME EXPLORER ROBOTS INTO THE PILLAR.

THE RESULTS WE'VE GOTTEN IS A LITTLE STRANGE...

HOW SO?

WHAT THE?!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY NO YOUNG...

AND IF EVERYONE COMING HERE?

IT THIS IS A JOKE THEN BE PREPARED TO DIE

TALK TELLIN THE TRUTH!

WELL...

LAST NIGHT...WHEN I WAS ON THE OTHER SIDE WITH SE-HA.

I POURED A LOT OF EXPLORER ROBOTS INTO THE PILLAR.

AH... THOSE THINGS?

WERE THOSE ROBOTS?

WELL...

IT HAD A SIMPLE GYRO SENSOR AND OTHER SOPHISTICATED MEASURING INSTRUMENTS.

SO WHAT? MEASURING INSTRUMENTS?!

TO PUT IT SIMPLY...

IT'S IN THE SHAPE OF A BALL. A SIMPLE MOTOR HAS BEEN INSTALLED TO UNDER-WEIGHT AND THIS MOVE AROUND.

IT HAS AN AUTO-BALANCE GRIP AS WELL AS A WAY TO MEASURE HOW MUCH IT HAS TRAVELLED BY COUNTING HOW MANY TIMES IT HAS ROLLED.

BASICALLY ALL IT CAN DO IS ROLL BUT...

FORGET ALL THAT CRAP.

SO WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT?

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...SO IT CAN TELL US HOW MANY TIMES IT WAS ROLLED IN WHICH DIRECTION.

IF IT HITS A WALL OR SOMETHING IT WILL ATTEMPT TO CHANGE DIRECTION AUTOMATICALLY.

LAST TIME WE FOUND OUT THAT FLOOR IS A EMPTY SPACE BELOW US

I INSURED IT MIGHT PROVE TO BE HELPFUL IF WE FOUND OUT.

HOW DID IT IS AND WHAT SHAPE IT HAS.

WHY DON'T YOU USE A FLYING DRONE LIKE YOU DID BEFORE.

THOSE ARE NOT CHEAP.

AND I THOUGHT I'D BE TOO SAME TO BE USEFUL.

THE LAST ONE THAT FELL INTO THE PILLAR PROVED THAT. IT WAS SO DARK THAT I WAS GETTING JUST A BLACK SCREEN.

ANYWAY, THIS IS THE RESULT

WHAT THE HECK DOES THAT MEAN?

BEATS ME..

THIS IS A RECORD OF WHICH ROBOT ROLLED HOW MANY TIMES IN WHICH DIRECTION.

IF I CHANGE THESE NUMBERS INTO A PICTURE...

...!

SO...THE SPACE LOOKS LIKE A GIANT CROSS?

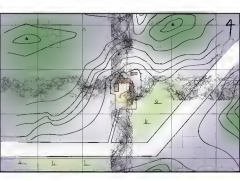
CORRECT. THE BASEMENT OF OUR SCHOOL...

APPEARS TO BE IN THE SHAPE OF A CROSS.

NOT ONLY THAT. ITS SIZE APPEARS TO BE NEARLY 40 METERS.

IT'S HARD TO GET AN IDEA OF THE SIZE WITH JUST THAT.

TRUE ENOUGH. LET ME GIVE A MAP OVER THAT.



AH... YEAH.
THEY SAY IT'S A GHOST THAT MAKING RICE OR SOMETHING?
ADDITIONALLY, FROM WHAT'S BEEN SAID.
IT WAS BUILT DURING JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF KOREA.
YEAH.

THEY SAID THEY INSPIRED A MOUNTAIN GOD WHILE CONSTRUCTING IT OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
IN THE END, THE CONSTRUCTION STOPPED HALFWAY AND IT REMAINED THAT WAY EVER SINCE.
AND THEN, ALL SORTS OF GHOSTS GATHERED THERE...

SCHOOL... BASEMENT... AN ENORMOUS UNDER-GROUND AREA... A BUILDING.
SAY, WOULDN'T IT BE POSSIBLE TO ENTER THE OTHER SIDE THROUGH THAT BUILDING?

THERE ARE GODS AND EACH GOD OVERSEES A CERTAIN AREA.
GETTIN LESSER GODS ARE PROMOTED TO SUCH AFTER PASSING EXAMS.
THOSE GODS ARE IN CHARGE OF PROTECTING LOCAL INHABITANTS WITH HIS POWER FROM HARMFUL ELEMENTS.
TO PUT IT SIMPLY, THEY ARE OVERSEERS...
THE MOUNTAIN AROUND HERE IS A HOLY SITE. THUS A MORE POWERFUL GOD IS IN CHARGE.

IF ANY HUMANS GET HURT WHILE TRYING TO ENTER A CURSED BUILDING LIKE THAT, THE FAULT FALLS ONTO THE GOD HIMSELF.
THUS HE IS FORBIDDING ANYONE FROM ENTERING.
I HEAR THE CURRENT GOD IN CHARGE IS A FOX CHIMAGO. SO IF YOU TRY TO FORCE YOUR WAY IN, WE'LL JUST LOOK IN ILLUSIONS.
HMM...
TURN NOW WHAT...?

THE HERMIT...
YOU, THE HERMIT...
THE HERMIT?
I HEARD THERE IS A HERMIT WHO LIVES IN THE FOREST. I'M ALSO HEARING THAT HE IS FRIENDS WITH THE GOD.
IF WE ASK HIM...
TYES HEARD OF HIM.

SO YOU KNOW WHERE GWEON-HYANG IS?
YOU MEAN YU GWEON-HYANG?
YU GWEON-HYANG... ISN'T SHE A BOMB DRUG DEALER?
YOU ARE ALSO A CREEP...
WAIT, I PROBABLY IN A SCIENCE LAB WITH AN ATOM-GUN...
TRYING TO GET THE RESULTS OF SOMETHING IT CHANGE OF THEM.

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